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Of the Reverend SYNOD of

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Met at GLASGOW, the First
of October, 1745,

TO THE

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Dearlly Beloved,



E being met together in Synod, at a Time when a Rebellion against the Royal Person and Government of our most gracious and rightful Sovereign King *GEORGE*, is actually commenced, and carried on in Favour of a Popish Pretender, reckon it our indispensible Duty, as Watch-men, to give seasonable and faithful Warning of the utter Ruin our holy Religion, and valuable Liberties, are threatened with.

Therefore we, in the first Place, judge it needful to put you in mind, that the Pretender, in whose Favour this Rebellion hath been commenced, and carried on, is well known to be a profess'd and bigotted Papist, supported by Popish Powers; notorious Enemies to the Liberties of Mankind, Civil and Sacred; and, for many Years bygone, hath had his ordinary Residence at *Rome*; a Place where all Protestants are considered as vile Hereticks, deserving to be extirpated by Fire and Faggot, and to be devoted to eternal Destruction. His Manifesto is dated at *Rome*; and, by his Principles, he is obliged to overturn our holy reform'd Religion; and, by all the Methods of Violence and Cruelty, to propagate and establish the *Roman Catholick Faith*, with its numberless shocking Abominations.

Further, we think ourselves indispensibly obliged to remind you, that it is a well known Popish Maxim, *That Faith is not to be kept with Hereticks*: And such they reckon all Protestants to be. Also,

That Dispensations and Pardons have been frequently granted by the Pope of Rome, allowing Papists to promise any Thing to Protestants, provided always, that in their Hearts they stand well affected to Popery. And therefore we beseech you, by the tender Mercies of our God, not to be imposed upon by Promises made, or that may happen to be made, by a Popish Pretender, to preserve our holy Religion, Liberty, and Property.

It is well known that King *James VII.* at his coming to the Throne of these Realms, declared and promised in the most solemn manner, in Council, and in Parliament, that he would make it his Endeavour to preserve the Government both in Church and State, as by Law established; when, at the very same Time, he secretly, and afterwards publicly, pursued the most arbitrary Measures, for the utter Destruction of both; which Measures opened the Eyes of the Nation, roused their Attention, discovered, and strengthened a noble Spirit of Liberty, which obliged that unhappy Prince to abdicate the Throne; and soon after the Wisdom of the Nation resolved, *That, in no Time coming, any Prince, of the Popish Religion, should sway the Scepter of these Kingdoms.* How glorious and wise the Resolution, how various and great its happy Consequences, to the past and present Generation, is well known, and we hope will be so to the Generations to come.

Let it be carefully considered, that the Crown of these Kingdoms is claimed by the Pretender as his Inheritance, on the Footing of an indefeasible Right and Property; that is, he claims a Right to sit upon the Throne as Heir and Successor to the late King *James*, who, for his Arbitrary and Tyrannical Administration, and his repeated Attempts to subvert our Religion and Liberties, justly forfeited his Title to the Crown; in consequence of which, he

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he openly condemns the Revolution as unlawful; and represents the happy Period of Government that has been since, as one continued Usurpation.

What Security we can have for any of our Rights and Liberties, under one who claims to be our King, on this Foundation, you need but just open your Eyes to perceive. Does not such a Claim openly declare, that, as what was done at the late glorious Revolution to defend our Liberties and Constitution, when upon the Brink of Ruin, was unjust and sinful; so if he, who now pretends to a Right to succeed the said King *James* in the Government, should pursue the same arbitrary and enslaving Measures, it were unlawful for us to stand upon our Defence; and it would become our Duty, passively and tamely, to yield up ourselves to the hardest Slavery and Bondage? Is not therefore such a Claim visibly subversive of all the Principles of Liberty, and a plain Assertion, that our most important and sacred Rights, as now established by Law, are not to be defended against the most tyrannical and arbitrary Attempt to ruin them?

Consider what the History of our own, and many other Nations, may teach us to expect from a King, educated in the Principles and Maxims of Popery and Arbitrary Government. The Instances of Tyranny and Cruelty, against the Protestants in *France* and *Ireland*, in the Popish and *Irish* Massacres; wherein many Thousands were barbarously murdered; the well-known Burnings, and other cruel Persecutions of Numbers of Protestants under the Reign of Queen *Mary* of *England*; the dreadful Severities exercised upon our own Countrymen, and worthy Ancestors, before the Revolution, by exorbitant Finings, Imprisonment, Intercommunings, Banishment, dreadful Tortures, Military Executions, without Form of Law, Beheading, and Hanging, and Quartering, which many yet alive do well remember:

member : These, and many other Instances of Cruelty, mentioned in History, may justly give you and us the Alarm, and teach us what we have to fear from a Government established upon the same political and religious Principles.

And tho' it would appear to be the Interest of the Party now in Arms against the Government, to have the abovementioned Severities, against our own Countrymen, buried in Oblivion, or even to express their Dislike of them ; instead of this, they seem to justify these Severities, by asserting in one of their Proclamations, lately published by them, that Mildness was the peculiar Characteristick of the Family under whose Government these Things happened.

We likewise desire you to consider the inestimable Privileges which we now enjoy under the present Government ; and whatever Inconveniences any may complain of, are they to be compared with what we have the greatest Reason to dread, under such a Change as is now attempted ? Is any Grievance now complain'd of, whilst the Laws and Constitution are preserved, whilst our Liberty and Property, and the free Exercise of our holy Religion are maintained, to be compared with an entire Subversion of all inestimable Blessings, which we have so much Reason to apprehend, under a Government set up on Principles, on which the Pretender founds his Right to rule over us ?

Upon all which Accounts, let us be stirred up to repent of our Iniquities ; let us, by a close Attention to former, and the present frowning Dispensation of Providence, be induced to break off our Sins by Righteousness.

Let all of us sorrow after a Godly sort for the Sins of our particular Stations and Relations, and fly to the Blood of Sprinkling for Reconciliation ; and let us firmly and honestly resolve, that, thro' the
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Divine Assistance, our whole Conversation henceforth shall be as becometh the Gospel of Christ.

Let us also sigh and cry for all the Abominations that are done in the midst of the Land, which doubtless are the chief Cause of our present Distress, and the true Ground of all the Misery we may fear from the good and righteous Governor of the Universe.

Let every one of us heartily bewail the crying Sins of the Day, the Sins which we certainly know to abound in this Age, in the Kingdoms of *Great-Britain* and *Ireland*, and in the Places where we live; such as Blasphemy, Infidelity, and Contempt of the glorious Gospel of the Son of God; horrid Perjury, profane Swearing, Idleness, Luxury, and Extravagance of many Kinds; Dishonesty, Fraud and Oppression; open Disregard of the Lord's Day, Neglect and Contempt of the Worship of God; Treachery, Adultery, Fornication, with other Abominations,

And we warmly exhort you to continue stedfast in your Loyalty to his Majesty King **GEORGE**, and in supporting the Protestant Succession to the Crown of these Nations in his Family.

Moreover, let every one of us, without ceasing, and in the most humble and fervent Manner, address the God of all Grace, through our Lord Jesus Christ, that he may lead all Ranks and Degrees of Men, in these Nations, to a wise Improvement of the present threatening Dispensation of Divine Providence; And, that he may graciously interpose, deliver us from the Miseries of a Civil War, and support the late glorious Reformation and Revolution-Work, and with it all our valuable Privileges, as Men and Christians.

Let us, in the most hearty Manner, pray, that God may pour down a Spirit of Repentance and Reformation upon all Ranks of Men in these Realms; upon our Sovereign King **GEORGE**, his
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Royal Family, and those that sit in Council with him; upon all Magistrates and Ministers of the Gospel, and upon the whole Body of the People. Let us pray, in the warmest Manner, that the King eternal, immortal, and invisible, the only wise God, may bless his Majesty King GEORGE, our only rightful Sovereign; that he may protect his Person, establish his Throne in Righteousness, direct his Counsels, give Success to his Arms, and deliver him from the open Attempts and secret Machinations of his most unreasonable Enemies, and make him a glorious Instrument for the Defence of the Protestant Interest, the Interest of Truth and Liberty, Virtue and Happiness, both at Home and Abroad.

To conclude, Let us not forget, at this Juncture, the Commands of our blessed Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ, concerning our Duty towards our Enemies; whilst we pray ardently that God may utterly defeat their wicked Designs, let us with the same Ardor pray, that he may open their Eyes to see the Evil of them; and, by awakening their Consciences, lead them to Repentance: And let us pray, that God may be graciously pleased to bring this present Confusion to a speedy and happy Conclusion without further Effusion of Blood.

And the Synod appoints all the Ministers within their Bounds, to read from their respective Pulpits, next Lord's Day, immediately after Sermon, in the Forenoon, this Memorial and Admonition; and hereby every Presbytery is appointed to enquire, at their next Meeting, into the Diligence of Ministers in their Bounds, as to their obeying this Appointment. These are signed in Name, by Appointment, and in Presence of the said Synod, by

JAMES STIRLING, *Modr.*

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